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LB 305

SENATOR MAXWELL: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, would Senator Brown yield for a question?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Thank you, Senator. I just wanted to make sure, did you say that in the short term you plan to withdraw the amendment or are we proceeding on it right now?

SENATOR BROWN: Well, we are proceeding on it because I ran out of time, but I do have my light on. So we are proceeding on it, yes.

SENATOR MAXWELL: Okay. I'll tell you what. I may end up yielding you back some time right now. What I wanted to comment on was you mentioned that idea of withdrawing it at least for now. That might be the wisest course for any pending amendments. I'm thinking now we should probably just push and vote on my main amendment and get the reality check that I talked about on Thursday. Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe there is majority support in the body for the plan based on the sales tax. That might be the most productive thing we could do is find that out right away. What are the parameters within which we're working and then we would go back to Senator Brown's amendment. Senator Jensen has an amendment I'm very interested in, but actually it's not worth doing all that unless we find out whether there's anything worth working on as far as my amendment goes. So I'll hold off on speaking on the merits of it. Senator Brown, you can have the rest of my time if you'd like it.

SENATOR BROWN: Thank you, Senator Maxwell. As I was saying, I am in contact with the Department of Education to see if we can proceed to make some of...to do the pilot projects so that we can figure out what it is that we want to do so that what we are doing is not just to add some more money that, yes, we know would, in terms of LB 305, would go towards teacher salaries, but would not necessarily change the basic structure. Now I want to say very strongly, and I feel a little guilty doing this on Senator Maxwell's time, but I guess since he yielded it,